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SUBJ: UNCTAD: THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING ON JUTE

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT MEETING IS BEING SENT SEPTEL BUT WE
ARE TRANSMITTING COMPLETE TEXTS OF THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS AS THESE WERE THE PRINCIPAL
RESULTS OF THE MEETING AND ARE LIKELY TO FORM BASIS FOR
DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11-15.

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MARKET STABILIZATION

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1. THE MEETING OF EXPERTS CONSIDERED THE WAYS TO ACHIEVE
THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT BY THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING
ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS AND PARTICULARLY THE OBJECTIVE TO
ACHIEVE STABLE CONDITIONS IN TRADE IN JUTE AND JUTE PRO-
DUCTS, INCLUDING AVOIDANCE OF EXCESSIVE PRICE FLUCTUATIONS,
AT LEVELS WHICH WOULD BE REMUNERATIVE AND JUST TO PRO-
DUCERS AND EQUITABLE TO CONSUMERS, AND TO ENSURE REGULAR

AND ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS, TO BE ACHIEVED, INTER ALIA, BY MEANS OF APPROPRIATE SYSTEMS OF BUFFER STOCKS AND/OR OTHER POSSIBLE MEASURES.

2. THE GROUP EXAMINED VARIOUS STABILIZATION MEASURES, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) INTERNATIONAL BUFFER STOCK
- (B) SUPPLY MANAGEMENT MEASURES
- (C) PRODUCTION RATIONALIZATION AND DIVERSIFICATION
- (D) MULTILATERAL SUPPLY AND PURCHASE COMMITMENTS
- (E) PRICING ARRANGEMENTS
- (F) CO-ORDINATION OF NATIONAL STOCKS
- (G) IMPROVEMENT OF INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION ON MARKET CONDITIONS

IT FELT THAT SOME OF THESE MEASURES COULD CONTRIBUTE TO STABILITY IN THE JUTE MARKET AND AGREED THAT FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THEM SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PREPARATORY MEETING.

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

1. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE AGREED NEED FOR APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND/OR OTHER CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL MEASURES ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS, THE GROUP AGREED THAT:

- (A) PROGRAMMES FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET UNCLASSIFIED

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PROMOTION SHOULD CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL ACTION PROGRAMME FOR JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS.

(B) SUCH PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO MAKE JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE COMPETITIVE AND TO MAINTAIN AND ENLARGE EXISTING MARKETS WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASING THE EXPORT EARNINGS OF PRODUCER COUNTRIES, THEREBY IMPROVING AND SUSTAINING REAL INCOMES IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OBJECTIVES LAID DOWN IN CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 93(IV).

(C) ALTHOUGH INITIATIVES ALREADY UNDERTAKEN IN THIS AREA BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO A GREAT EXTENT YET MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE.

2. THE MEETING THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED OBJECTIVES THERE SHOULD BE:

- (A) A PROGRAMME ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET

PROMOTION

(B) A BODY FOR COORDINATION AND MONITORING SUCH A
PROGRAMME ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET PROMOTION

(C) APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. THE GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THE PROGRAMME ON RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET PROMOTION SHOULD BE AIMED, INTER
ALIA, AT:

- FINDING NEW END USES AND IMPROVING EXISTING PRODUCTS
- IMPROVING MANUFACTURING PROCESSES FOR EXISTING AND
NEW PRODUCTS
- IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY AND FIBRE QUALITY
- RETAINING PRESENT MARKETS AND EXPANDING MARKETS FOR
JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS.

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4. THE GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THE COORDINATION AND IMPLI-
MENTATION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROGRAMMES BE ENTRUSTED
TO AN APPROPRIATE BODY REPRESENTING THE PRODUCERS AND
CONSUMERS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE AGREED NEED FOR APPROP-
RIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND/OR OTHER CONCERTED
INTERNATIONAL MEASURES ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS.

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5. THE PROGRAMME MENTIONED IN #3 SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THE
PROGRAMME ELABORATED BY THE UNDP PROVISIONAL RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP AND OTHER ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY
IN PROGRESS.

6. THE GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THERE SHOULD BE ASSURED AND
STABLE SOURCES OF FINANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROGRAMMES OF REASEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET PROMOTION ON
A SUBSTANTIAL AND CONTINUING BASIS AS LONG AS NECESSARY. IT
WILL BE INCUMBENT ON A LATER PREPARATORY MEETING TO
DETERMINE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS RESULTING FROM PROPOSALS
FOR A PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET PROMOTION.

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1. IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMME ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND
MARKET PROMOTION, SPECIFIC ACTION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE
NEAR FUTURE AIMED AT REDUCING COSTS OF PRODUCTION OF THE RAW
MATERIAL AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS AND ADAPTATION IN THE
FIELD OF JUTE INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE COMPETITIVENESS
OF JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS IN RELATION TO SYNTHETIC SUBSTITUTES.

2. THE MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CONSID-
ERATION OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY AND FIBRE
QUALITY.

3. THE GROUP AGREES THAT SOME MODERNIZATION, RATIONALIZATION AND
ADAPTATION MEASURES COULD LEAD TO COST REDUCTION IN THE JUTE IND-
USTRY. THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS WOULD HOWEVER HAVE TO BE
EXAMINED IN DETAIL AND AN ASSESSMENT MADE OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND
TECHNICAL VIABILITY. THE GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT CONSIDERATION
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SUCH MEASURES, TOGETHER WITH, INTER ALIA,
THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) TRAINING OF MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS;
- (B) MEASURES AIMED AT PROVIDING A RELIABLE SUPPLY OF SPARE
PARTS, AS WELL AS THE MAINTENANCE OF PLANT;
- (C) STRENGTHENING OF QUALITY CONTROL.

4. FURTHER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DETERMINING APPROPRIATE SOURCES OF FINANCE FOR THESE MEASURES.

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